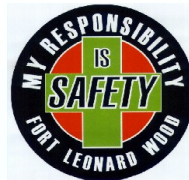




Safety Alert 06-03

Winter Driving Road Conditions



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Well its that time of year again. Mother Nature has made her rounds and it is now time for us to think about winter driving. Attached below is an excerpt from FLW Regulation 58-1, Management of Non-Tactical Vehicles (NTV) . This is just a reminder that if you are required to use NTV the information will be very helpful and will save frustration at the last moment. It is submitted for your information and consideration.

"7. Road Conditions.

a. Initial Entry Trainee (IET) will not be permitted to operate NTV during "AMBER" or "RED" or "BLACK" road conditions.

b. AMBER road conditions are defined as "difficult to hazardous" and will be defined and posted by Law Enforcement Command (LEC). Travel by NTV is limited to emergency/repair vehicles such as military police, ambulance, fire trucks and Directorate of Public Works (DPW) equipment.

(1) NTVs dispatched during AMBER must be approved by an officer, command sergeant major, or branch chief in the command concerned. Brigade commanders may require more stringent requirements at their discretion. A list of vehicles that may be required under AMBER road conditions will be submitted to TMP in advance by memo or email prior to 1 November each year.

(2) NTV cargo vehicles may be dispatched for mission essential duties. Transporting of personnel in cargo NTVs is strictly forbidden. Coordination for movement of personnel should be made with TMP.

(3) Privately owned vehicles (POV). Commanders and section or activity chiefs should advise all POV owners to restrict travel to essential trips and caution them to use extreme care.

(4) TMP will transport troops to and retrieve them from training as requested by the company battalion commander.

c. RED road conditions are "extremely hazardous". Travel by military vehicle is limited to emergency operations (MPs, fire truck, and DPW mission essential vehicles). The DPW or Deputy DPW in writing will approve NTVs assigned to DPW. An e-mail will be forwarded to TMP listing the estimated vehicles required under RED road conditions prior to 01 November each year.

(1) The MTO or battalion commander in the direct chain of command will approve dispatch. An e-mail will be displayed in the vehicle, signed by the approving authority stating "Emergency Use under RED road conditions".

(2) TMP will retrieve troops from training areas and be responsible for troop transport in emergency situations.

(3) POVs are not to be substituted for military vehicles. IAW DOD 4500.36R government employees cannot be forced to use POVs for official business. All personnel should be advised not to travel unnecessarily.

d. BLACK road conditions present a real risk of life and limb. Travel by military vehicle is limited to emergency operations (MPs, fire truck, and DPW mission essential vehicles). The DPW or Deputy DPW in writing will approve NTVs assigned to DPW.

An e-mail will be forwarded to TMP listing the estimated vehicles required under BLACK road conditions prior to 01 November each year.

(1) The MTO or battalion commander in the direct chain of command will approve dispatch. An e-mail will be displayed in the vehicle signed by the approving authority stating "Emergency Use under BLACK road conditions".



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